

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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NOTE FOR: Executive Secretary, NFIB

FROM:

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Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Clearance Exchanges

REFERENCE: Mr. Spiers' Request that the DCI Expedite
Clearance Exchange

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1. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

2. Mr. Spiers' observation is already within the sphere of the DCI's attention. While the DCI recognizes and respects departmental responsibility to assure itself of hiring only good people, he is encouraging certain actions in the Intelligence Community related to exchange of security clearances needed for access to intelligence.

3. The DCI's Security Committee, on which the Department of State has active membership has recently completed a study of 5000 cases to analyze the effectiveness of the current background investigation.

4. The Community's security elements are assisting in developing procedures to implement [REDACTED] a DCI initiated and Presidentially approved single system of compartmenting intelligence. Under [REDACTED] it should be easier to certify and accept access approvals throughout the Community.

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5. Some departments have streamlined administrative security procedures. And most have begun to make greater use of Automatic Data Processing.

6. Unfortunately, there are no readily available viable solutions perceived that are not resource intensive.

7. The present security community populations are small. Requirements for their use in the expanding physical, technical, personnel protection and antiterrorism fields is highly competitive with the requirement to conduct increasingly thorough security screening of applicants and employees.

8. As movement toward a true Community effort continues and more people are detailed and assigned among agencies, there will be a more ready acceptance of clearance certifications and vouchers among participating agencies.

9. Mr. Spiers' interest is welcomed. His observations have been made available to State security. The DCI's Security Committee will continue its efforts to structure mutually acceptable procedures to expedite the exchange of clearances.



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